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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

PANTELLERIA REJECTS SURRENDER DEMAND

Sec. Knox Says Allies Hold Initiative

She's Tallest

HERE'S HELEN O'HARA, all six feet four and a half inches of her, said to be the tallest beauty ever signed to a long-term movie contract, and every inch well worth looking at. She is a daughter of Henry Clive, noted illustrator. (International)

Eight-Front War Waged, He Declares

Navy Secretary Says Feeling in Tokyo And Berlin Is Akin To Early U. S. Fears

Annapolis, June 9—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declared today that "secret information to us says the feeling in Tokyo and Berlin is akin to ours after Pearl Harbor. The choice, place and time for striking is now ours."

Abandoning almost completely his prepared text for a graduation address to approximately 760 naval academy midshipmen, Knox also asserted:

"There is a lot of irresponsible talk about a second front. Today there are eight fronts, not one — western Mediterranean, eastern Mediterranean, the Atlantic, the south Atlantic, south Pacific, north Pacific, Russia and China."

The Navy secretary recalled that shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, "our enemies in the Far East were winning victory after victory. Britain was a beleaguered isle and waiting for a blow. The initiative was all theirs. We had to reorganize our Navy and assemble and train our Army. Today, less than two years later, I am happy to say that we have assembled a mighty Army. We have assembled a new, mighty fleet."

Knox said American shipyards were turning out six ships a day. Numerical strength of our fleet will be more than doubled this year, he said, and its tonnage will be increased by two-thirds.

"America is wide awake," he told approximately 760 midshipmen in an address prepared for delivery at the U. S. Naval Academy's graduation. "You who leave here today are going to get every drop of [illegible] ing that a resourceful nation can wring out.

"The United States is in this war with a clear conscience. We wanted nothing from other nations but peace and good will. We sacrificed once to achieve what we hoped would be lasting peace. Although a great and growing sea power, we cut our strength upon the altar after the last war. We voluntarily [illegible] 000,000 tons of the best [illegible] built or building in the [illegible] that in disarmament there was security and peace."

"We realize now what a mistake that was . . ." Knox continued. "The people of this country do not intend to scrap again the fleet that we are building. You can be sure, there is going to be work for every one of you who look on the Navy as a career—an opportunity, indeed, for going to be work for every one of and lasting value to your country."

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'HAVING WONDERFUL TIME'

LIKE TOURISTS posing for the homefolks, four American fighting men straddle the tail of a wrecked Nazi Henschel at Tunis airport and wait till the camera clicks. Dusty and battleworn from throwing the Axis out of Africa, they're happy on holiday leave. (International)

W. L. B. Orders Hearing In Miners' Wage Dispute

Possibility Arises Of Agreements Made Between Miners And Some Operators

Washington, June 9—(AP)—The war labor board today ordered a public hearing for tomorrow on the unresolved issues in the coal mine wage dispute while almost simultaneously a fresh possibility of agreement between the miners and some of the operators arose.

The operators, both north and south, already had formally notified the WLB by telegram that no agreement on portal-to-portal pay or other issues had been reached within the 15-day period allotted by the board. Both sides had openly conceded late yesterday that negotiations were in a state of virtual collapse.

The possibility developed today, however, that UMW President John L. Lewis was using his previously employed strategy of splitting off some of the operators and signing with some of them.

This was only in the realm of possibility and no one would hazard a guess. However, a sudden burst of activity developed when the joint wage conference reconvened at 10 a. m. EWT in accordance with the order. The miners had refused yesterday to agree to the motion by the operators to adjourn pending the call of the chair.

Lewis and Charles O'Neill spent more than an hour conferring privately today. O'Neill is the principal spokesman for the northern Appalachian group of operators which signed separately with the United Mine Workers two years ago, and did the same thing in January when a supplementary agreement was being negotiated to cover six-day operation of the mines.

In a telegram to representatives of the owners and Lewis, president of the UMW, the board said it would be ready to receive at that time "such reports as any party to the dispute may care to submit on the issues still in dispute or on any phase of the board's directive order of May 25, in order that the board may proceed to final disposition of the controversy."

Raid Reported On Lampedusa

Valletta, Malta, June 9—(AP)—A British naval communique today announced that "light surface forces carried out a coast reconnaissance of the island of Lampedusa" Sunday night and "suffered no damage or casualties."

Two members of a landing party failed to return, however.

This was the brief communique:

"Our light surface forces carried out a coast reconnaissance of the island of Lampedusa June 6-7. They suffered no damage nor casualties and only two of the landing party did not return."

Cotton Prices 20-40 Lower

New York, June 9—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 10 cents a bale lower.

Noon prices were 20 to 40 cents a bale lower, July 20.95, October 19.70, December 19.54.

	Previous Close	Today's Open
July	20.09	20.08
October	19.75	19.73
December	19.62	19.61
March	19.42	19.40
May	19.30	19.30

Protection Against Gas Developed

Chemical Warfare Service Announces New Devices to Guard Invaders of Axis

Washington, June 9—(AP)—A possibility that allied troops might have to fight their way into Europe through poison gas was tempered today by assurances from the chemical warfare service that effective protective devices have been developed.

President Roosevelt said last night that evidence that the axis was making "significant preparations" indicating an intention to use gas warfare was being reported "with increasing frequency from a variety of sources."

For the third time, he spoke of the possibility that the enemy would resort to what he called "such terrible and inhumane weapons," and he promised the axis armies and peoples, in both Europe and Asia, that once they loosed poison gas there will be "full and swift retaliation in kind."

Use of gas "against any one of the United Nations will be regarded as having been committed against the United States itself and will be treated accordingly," Mr. Roosevelt declared.

This retaliation, he said, will fall upon munitions centers, seaports and other military objectives throughout the entire territory of the offending nations.

The United States Army has itself developed a standby production of poison gases. Major General William N. Porter, chief of the chemical warfare service, said that if the enemy starts using war gases, "we have plenty to give back and they'll probably get more than they can give out."

U. S. Bombers Raid Hongay

Chungking, June 9—(AP)—American bombers attacked Hongay, 30 miles northeast of Haiphong in French Indo-China, yesterday, heavily damaged coaling docks, warehouses, railroad yards and power transmission lines, a communique from Lieutenant General Joseph D. Stillwell's headquarters announced today.

Dense clouds of smoke rising to 5,000 feet and visible 30 miles away marked the target area after the raiders passed.

The twin-engined Mitchells and Warhawks which made the raid encountered no enemy interception, the communique said, and all returned to their bases.

Chinese dispatches, meanwhile, reported today that Chiang Kai-shek's forces had smashed the Japanese defense line southeast of Hwajung, the key to the Chinese rice producing region around Lake Tungting in northern Hunan province.

In a sudden attack on the defenses on the town north of the lake, the Chinese inflicted more than 200 casualties and captured quantities of equipment, the dispatches said.

In addition, more than 200 Japanese trying to swim to safety across the river flowing near the town were reported drowned.

'Old Bill' Fights On

STANDING beside "Old Bill," American flying fortress in England, is British Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, creator of the famous cartoon character of World War I. The fortress, just back from a sky battle, bears a portrait of 'Old Bill' himself. (International)

New Subsidy Predicted

Critics of Rollback In Prices of Foods Foresee Increases In Subsidy Payments

Washington, June 9.—(AP)—Congressional critics of a rollback in food prices expressed belief today that a general price decrease for most foods is in prospect with the companion probability of more subsidy payments to compensate for lowered returns.

This opinion was strengthened, they said, by disclosure before a Senate investigating committee that the office of price administration is already planning to apply the rollback to fresh vegetables as well as to butter, meats and coffee.

While the new order is not expected to extend subsidy payments to vegetable producers or processors, some opponents predicted that an estimated $450,000,000 to be paid out for the 10 per cent cut in butter and meat prices will be "a drop in the bucket" compared with subsidies which they said would be demanded for decreases in prices of other foods.

Senator Maloney, Connecticut Democrat, declared that OPA had established a precedent in granting subsidy payments for butter and meat price cutbacks and that vegetable growers would be expected to demand similar treatment.

Senator Taft, Ohio Republican, and other foes maintained that the savings to the consumer by the rollback in prices would be more than offset by taxation to pay the subsidies. The bill would be greater, they contended because of the added costs for interest and administrative expenses.

Planes Drop Leaflets On Island

Heavy Bombardment Of Italian Outpost Continues; Allied Planes Still Busy

London, June 9—(AP)—A British Press Association military writer said today "there is a possibility that a landing already has been made" on Pantelleria island in the Mediteranean, but there was no basis whatever in London from official or other sources to support this speculation.

A Reuters military correspondent said "there seems no reason to doubt that the offensive already has begun in the Mediterranean and that the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa have been the allies' first objective."

The writer said the garrison on the island, midway between Tunisia and Sicily, "has been called upon to surrender so as to save the civil population from further attacks."

(By The Associated Press)

The Italian war bulletin broadcast from Rome and recorded by the Associated Press today said the garrison of Pantelleria had refused an invitation to surrender.

The Rome radio said that leaflets dropped from the air yesterday called for the surrender of the island by 7 p. m. Tuesday, British double summer time (1 p. m. Tuesday EWT.)

The Italian communique said: "The garrison of the island of Pantelleria which was uninterruptedly attacked from air yesterday has not answered the request to surrender made by the enemy."

At the same time, the Rome announcement reported the island had been heavily bombarded by an allied naval squadron and declared one enemy unit was hit by axis planes.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, June 9—(AP)—A force of allied cruisers and destroyers bombarded the Italian island of Pantelleria yesterday with "satisfactory" results and without loss, allied headquarters announced today.

The naval blasting of the Italian Mediterranean outpost followed a series of similar attacks last week.

At the same time, bombers from the American African command again hit the volcanic isle from the air yesterday—the 17th successive day for such assaults. Night raiders also loosed their loads there the night before.

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Red Fliers Shield City

German Attackers Driven From Gorki; Soviets Retaliate With Heavy Bombings

Moscow, June 9. — (AP)—Dramatic acts of heroism have been performed night after night by Red army pilots who have roared into the milky "white night" above Gorki to protect that vital munitions center from German raids, dispatches from that thrice-bombed city said today.

The dispatches, describing the [illegible] on five nights on the production plants 250 miles east of Moscow, said seven enemy bombers were shot down and that dwellings had been damaged.

Long range Russian bombers retaliated immediately for the Gorki attacks, smashing at enemy airdromes northeast of Bryansk, where German planes, ammunition dumps and supplies were reported destroyed.

Land fighting along the front was confined to "feeler" stabs and softening-up blows from heavy artillery as the opposing air forces continued to drive home blows expected to pave the way for the start of the 1943 offensives.

Russian bombers striking at a German airport in an unspecified area destroyed 20 nazi craft on the ground and damaged eight others, dispatches said.

LISTS CLOSED

Durham, June 9—R. W. Bradshaw of Durham, director of education of the Methodist church, N. C. Conference, has announced that all registrations for the summer assemblies to be held at Louisburg College, Louisburg, are now closed.

Some Stocks Make Progress

New York, June 9—(AP)—A few market leaders managed to progress today against a downward trend. Bonds moved narrowly and commodities were mixed.

Support was accorded Chrysler, General Motors, U. S. Steel and American Telephone. In the minus column were Goodrich, Montgomery Ward, United Aircraft, American Can, General Electric, Southern Railway and Standard Oil of N. J.

Hoey And McDonald Lead In Goldsboro Survey Poll

In the Sir Walter Hotel,
Daily Dispatch Bureau,
By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, June 9—An informal poll conducted by the staff of the News-Argus on the streets and in business houses of Goldsboro indicates a preponderant majority for Clyde Hoey in the forthcoming senatorial race, and gives a substantial lead to Ralph McDonald for governor. That was a reversal of position indicated by a similar poll conducted early in April when Gregg Cherry came out far ahead in the gubernatorial "balloting."

More significant than the actual percentage vote recorded for the candidates was the fact that exactly two-thirds of all persons participating had made up their minds with respect to the senatorial race, while less than half had reached any conclusion on governors.

Tabulations of the ballots showed 61.3 per cent for Hoey, 3.5 per cent for Reynolds, and 33.3 per cent undecided in the senatorial contest.

For governor, McDonald was credited with 31.03 per cent, Cherry with 15.50, while 53.40 per cent were undecided. The April poll had given Cherry 35.3 per cent, McDonald 21.6, undecided 31.4, while Wilson Warlick, then in the race, received 11.7 per cent. At that time Hoey had not announced for the Senate, and before result of the poll was announced Warlick had withdrawn from the picture.

In making the survey the newspaper used little slips of paper with names and voting squares, and gave assurance that all votes would be counted but identity of voters not disclosed. Some interesting reactions were encountered. One man declared there wasn't a candidate in the whole list he would vote for. One lady wanted to vote for Broughton again. Another didn't know any of the candidates but said she had read a lot in the papers about McDonald.

Value of such informal surveys depends upon how representative they are of the entire citizenship. The Goldsboro effort was necessarily limited to a small number. Information is that men and women were about equally represented.

Historic voting habits of the community must also be considered in order to get any definite idea of what the poll results mean. Reynolds carried Wayne county, of which Goldsboro is the county seat, by a 1,200 margin over Morrison in 1932, but he lost it to Overman in 1926 and to Frank Hancock in 1938. His showing in the current "rump vote"

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STATE COLLEGE OPEN TO NON-GRADUATES

Raleigh, June 9—High school students who are non-graduates will be admitted at the opening of N. C. State College's summer term on June 16 under the plan approved by the North Carolina College Conference and the State Department of Instruction, it was announced today by Registrar W. L. Mayer.

Each candidate must have a minimum of 12 high school units, must be certified by the principal as being in the upper one-third of his grade scholastically, must have the principal's recommendation for college admission and must pass an entrance examination.

Entrance examinations will be given here at State College on June 15, and applicants who pass successfully will register the following day. Those candidates who may have to travel a considerable distance were urged by Registrar Mayer to arrive on the campus June 14.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
No decided change in temperature this afternoon and tonight. Occasional scattered showers.

North Carolinian Is Cited For Heroism In Pacific War

Somewhere in the South Pacific, (Delayed), June 9. — (AP)—Five naval medical corps men, serving with Marine troops in the south Pacific, who risked their lives to aid wounded Marines in the landing on Gavutu last August, recently were cited here for meritorious conduct in action against the enemy.

They are Pharmacist Mates First Class Arthur LeMasters, Williamsburg, W. Va.; William E. Spears, Paragould, Ark.; Claude Creech, LaGrange, N. C.; L. L. Linse, Springview, Neb.; and Robert Lyons, Newark, N. J.

Formal presentation was made at a ceremony on the parade ground near here by the commander of Marine forces in the south Pacific.

Creech's citation follows:

"During the attack on Gavutu harbor, Creech, with complete disregard for his own safety, repeatedly left positions of comparative safety, exposing himself to heavy Japanese fire, to render first aid to the wounded. He was directly responsible for saving the lives of many of his wounded comrades. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

Byrnes Not A Candidate

War Mobilization Director Declares He Will Not Seek Vice Presidency

Washington, June 9—(AP)—James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, said today he had no ambition to be vice president and under no circumstances would he seek nomination for the post.

Byrnes made the statement in response to questions at his first press conference since he became overall director of the nation's home front activities.

He disclosed that he had sought meetings with the Truman war investigating committee of the Senate and any similar single committee from the House to discuss ways to take up with him things that such committees believed needed to be improved in the war effort before they are aired in a controversial way on Capitol Hill.

He also disclosed that Bernard M. Baruch, presidential consultant and head of the war industries board in the last World War, will assist him in an ad-

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